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PEACE CORPS FOR JOHN DELLENBACK FROM AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR IN ECUADOR

1. I WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON OUR BRIEF CONVERSATION DURING YOUR RECENT VISIT TO QUITO REGARDING THE LONG-VACANT POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS IN ECUADOR.

2. AS I TOLD YOU ON THAT OCCASION, TWO MONTHS OF PERSONAL OBSERVATION AS WELL AS DISCUSSION OF THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM WITH SENIOR EMBASSY STAFF HAVE IMPRESSED ME WITH THE HIGH QUALITY OF THE PROGRAM IN THIS COUNTRY IN GENERAL AND WITH THE ACTING DIRECTOR IN PARTICULAR. THE ACTING DIRECTOR, GEORGE BALDINO, SEEMS TO ME TO HAVE ALL THE NECESSARY LEADERSHIP QUALITIES FOR THE DIRECTOR'S JOB (IN WHICH HE HAS BEEN ACTING FOR 14 MONTHS); AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ECUADOREAN SCENE, GOOD RELATIONS WITH GOE AGENCIES, EXCELLENT RAPP HZ WITH HIS STAFF AND THE ALMOST 200 VOLUNTEERS, GOOD JUDGMENT AND A FINE ATTITUDE TOWARD COOPERATION WITH THIS EMBASSY. THIS RECORD IS ALL THE MORE IMPRESSIVE TO ME WHEN I CONSIDER THAT MR. BALDINO HAS HAD THE DISADVANTAGE OF BEING ACTING RATHER THAN THE PERMANENT DIRECTOR AND THAT H SHAS BEEN FURTHER HANDICAPPED BY NOT HAVING HAD AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE IN THE COASTAL AREA.

3. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MR. BALDINO BE NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM IN ECUADOR. HE HAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED HIS CAPACITY TO DO THE JOB AND DO IT WELL.

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